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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN HOSTING SESSION OF WDC COMITE

1. AUSTRIAN MISSION (LENNKH) HAS SOLICITED US VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING JULY 7-25 SESSION OF AD HOC COMITE ON WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) IN VIENNA RATHER THEN NEW YORK. AUSTRIANS ARE SOUNDING OUT DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING BOTH COMITE MEMBERS AND FIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON POWERS.

2. LENNKH POINTED OUT THAT AUSTRIA HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PAST IN BEING THE SITE OF AN EVENTUAL WDC. LENNKH SAID THAT AUSTRIA WOULD OF COURSE REIMBURSE TO UN ANY EXTRA COSTS INCURRED BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF VENUE. IT UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY THREE SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR SESSION, AND IT HAD DETERMINED THAT INTERPRETATION SERVICES USED FOR UNIDO, IAEA, ETC. WOULD BE FULLY AVAILABLE AT THAT

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TIME.

3. AUSTRIAN HOPE IS TO DEVELOP ENOUGH INTEREST IN THIS IDEA FOR COMITE AT ITS FIRST 1975 SESSION IN APRIL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISION, BUT SO FAR IT HAS HAD LITTLE REACTION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. ACTING DIRECTOR UN DISARMAMENT DIVISION CORRADINI TOLD MISOFF HE HAD NOT HEARD OF AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE ASSUMED CCD WOULD BE MEETING IN GENEVA AT TIME OF JULY WDC SESSION BUT THAT SECRETARIAT COULD HANDLE BOTH CCD AND WDC COMITE SIMULTANEOUSLY AWAY FROM NEW YORK IF NECESSARY. HE MENTIONED THAT CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA PLANS FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THREE-WEEK JULY SESSION TO BE TAKEN UP BY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. CORRADINI ALSO SAID THAT APRIL 1, HAS NOW BEEN ADDED TO APRIL 3-4 FOR FIRST SESSION, AND WHOLE NEW THREE-DAY SESSION, JUNE 2-4, HAS ALSO BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS ON THE OBJECTIVES OF A WDC.

5. COMMENT: APART FROM OUR PREFERENCE FOR KEEPING WDC COMITE IN ITS ACCUSTOMED NEW YORK RUT, WE REGARD INVITATION TO HOLD SESSION OF AD HOC COMITE IN VIENNA AS ANOTHER AUSTRIAN EFFORT TO FURTHER CAMPAIGN FOR DESIGNATION OF VIENNA AS A UN HEADQUARTERS SITE. WE WOULD LIKE TO TELL AUSTRIANS THAT IN VIEW OF OUR STANDING OPPOSITION TO HOLDING OF UN MEETINGS AWAY FROM SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS, WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSAL. PLEASE INSTRUCT. SCCHAUFELLE

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